rier. Indigenous construction of submarines/ships has also been approved.

Illegal fishing in Indian territorial waters

1882. SHRI BRAHMKUMAR BHATT:
SHRI ANANTA SETHI:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether foreign trawlers are still fishing illegally in Indian territorial waters, particularly along the Indian coasts;

(b) the number of such cases reported during each of the last three years;

(c) the names of the countries whose trawlers were caught while engaged in illegal fishing;

(d) the action taken against such foreign trawlers; and

(e) the seps being taken to check illegal fishing along the Indian coasts?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Foreign trawlers illegally fishing in our territorial waters continue to be apprehended.

(b) The details are as under:—

Year	Number of cases
1996	47
1997	51
1998 (upto November)	44

(c) Sri Lanka, Pakistan, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Myanmar.

(d) All the apprehended trawlers have been handed over to the respective State/UT Authorities for appropriate legal action under the MZI Act and Rules thereunder.

(e) All Indian Naval and Coast Guard ships have been provided with lists of trawlers authorised to fish in our waters. Any suspicious trawlers encountered by our ships on passage are checked for authorisation. Regular patrolling is being undertaken by Naval and Coast Guard ships/aircraft all along the cost to check illegal fishing by foreign trawlers. In addition, extensive surveillance by Cost Guard is undertaken in sensitive coastal areas.

Second test of Trishul

1883. SHRI AKHILESH DAS:
SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the second developmental test firing of the naval version of Trishul was successfully conducted at INS Dronacharya on November 12, 1998 at Kochi; and

(b) if so, how far Trishul has thus been perfected for induction in the Naval weaponry?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Seven developmental flights for Naval Trishul have been conducted which include two in anti-sea skimmer mode and five guided flight trials in full Naval configuration against simulated target and in and sea skimmer mode. The users trials of the Naval Trishul are planned to a completed during 1999 after which the missile will enter into production and induction phase.